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St. Louis County COVID-19 Update

CARES Act Funding

St. Louis County has awarded \$1.5 million in CARES Act funding to the nonprofit CareSTL for expanded free testing for COVID-19. CareSTL, a federally qualified health center, will test at least 700 county residents per month through the rest of the year at multiple locations, most of them in north county.

“First and foremost I would like to thank St. Louis County for trusting CareSTL Health with the care of their community. We understand the importance of Covid testing. We’re excited that as an agency we can help by providing the test and processing the test results because we have our own CLIA lab to do so,” says Angela Clabon, CareSTL CEO. “The community residents deserves the right to be tested and we’re proud to be a partner.”

This follows our previous announcement that we had awarded People’s Health Centers \$578,000 for testing in north St. Louis County. Funding for both testing programs comes from the \$4 million in CARES funding that was reserved for testing in historically under-served communities.

Testing is a crucial part of our plan to stop the spread of COVID-19 because it allows us to isolate people who are positive for the virus and to conduct contact tracing to identify others who may have been exposed. For more information, visit www.careSTLhealth.org.

South County Health Care Center

Yesterday, one of our long-time nurses was injured in the accident at the health department's South County Health Center. We are praying for her full recovery and want her family and her friends and colleagues to know our thoughts are with them during this time.

Please note that the South County Health Center located in Sunset Hills will remain closed today, August 7. However, COVID-19 Testing will continue as scheduled.

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